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# Progress made in Calgarian's beating case in Mexico

► Believed to be the first act of violence at hotel featuring strict security measures ► Sheila Nabb, 37, has come out of coma

Authorities in Mexico claim they are close to an arrest in the savage beating of a Calgary woman staying at a five-star resort.

Sheila Nabb, 37, was found lying in a pool of her own blood early Saturday morning inside an elevator at the Hotel Riu Emerald Bay in Mazatlan.

Working in collaboration with local news outlet Noroeste, Metro has learned the area governor, Mario Lopez Valdez, pledged a swift resolution to the ongoing investigation Tuesday.

"He says the case is going to be resolved soon because of the information they have," said Noroeste's chief reporter Francisco Cuamea.

Details regarding the assault remain scarce, but the governor did say investigators have gathered that after arriving in Mazatlan Friday, Nabb and her husband Andrew went out for some drinks with fellow resort members.

After that, they returned to

## Security measures

► According to local news outlet Noroeste, the Hotel Riu Emerald Bay maintains strict security measures. Each guest is issued an identification card and the area is monitored by the guards around the clock. There have been some indications that investigators may be in possession of important camera surveillance footage as well.

► Sheila Nabb is scheduled to undergo facial reconstructive surgery either Wednesday or Thursday pending the results of CT scans conducted Monday.

their room and went to bed together. Andrew has told family that when he awoke the next morning she was nowhere to be found.

Cuamea's staff have learned a

trail of blood was found leading from near Nabb's room to the elevator where she was found.

Her uncle, Robert Prosser, said Monday every bone in her face is broken and extensive reconstructive surgery will be required.

Nabb was initially put into a medically induced coma, but awoke Tuesday and began communicating with family members at her bedside, according to a statement issued by her brother, Paul Giles.

"This is excellent news as it would appear that there is not any brain damage," Giles said.

Cuamea deemed the incident very rare for the Mazatlan area, noting those involved in ongoing drug-trade feuds rarely target tourists, much less those staying at a five-star resort.

"This is not cartel violence," he said. "This is another kind of violence — I don't know what kind."

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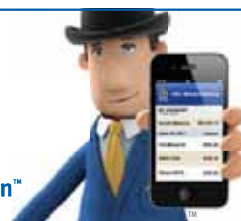


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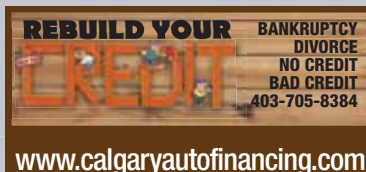
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## Minister deems South Health Campus impressive

Emergency care in Calgary will be improved immediately upon the opening of a new facility in the south this fall, the provincial health minister says.

Fred Horne, along with Premier Alison Redford and other cabinet ministers, was given a tour of the South Health Campus on Tuesday in advance of a phased opening beginning this summer.

The campus emergency department, which expects to see as many as 40,000 visits per year, will open in the fall, Horne said.

"Calgary very much needs this added capacity. ... It's going to take a lot of the pressure off the other hospitals and also accommodate the fastest-growing area in the city," Horne said.

Opposition leaders have raised concerns about finding thousands of staff to work in the various departments located on the 44-acre campus in the past, but Horne isn't worried.

"I have been assured everything is on track," he said. "People will see it and understand for themselves. This is one of the most innovative and impressive health campuses I have seen in 28 years working in and around health care."

All departments within the South Health Campus are slated to be operational by April 2013.

● JEREMY NOLAIS



► Calgary won't be getting any additional emergency-response resources for the time being, despite concerns from staff regarding high call volumes and poor working conditions.

# No boost for Calgary emergency resources

► Additional staff hires and vehicles will be focused in Edmonton only for now: Minister ► Lack of vehicles, staff reported by local EMS workers



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Emergency call volume is on the rise but the province has no plans to bolster response resources in Calgary at this point.

This comes as the Health Sciences Association of Alberta begins gathering feedback from local EMS workers it represents in hopes of shedding light on what it claims to be a provincewide shortage of staff and resources.

A similar survey was recently conducted in Edmonton and results indicate two-thirds of EMS employees in that city are actively exploring other opportunities, citing poor working conditions and mismanagement as top concerns.

Health Minister Fred Horne deemed the front-line perspectives outlined in the surveys important, but noted they are not scientific and cannot form the sole basis for additional resource decisions.

"Demand is going up all around," he said. "We don't really have any additional need identified in Calgary at the moment. ... We regularly analyze demand and resources all over Alberta, and we do our best to match the two."

The province did announce additional resources for Edmonton EMS Tuesday, pledging to hire 17 additional staff immediately and another 14 at a later date.

There are also plans to add two more ambulances

### Code Orange

- Last year, Alberta saw a 14 per cent rise in patients requiring emergency care.
- Last week, Metro spoke to a Calgary EMS worker on the condition of anonymity. He said the local service is forced weekly to call a Code Orange, meaning three or fewer ambulances are available for response.

immediately and open five additional EMS stations by 2014.

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► Calgarians Wendy Tilby, left, and Amanda Forbis have received an Oscar nomination for their animated short film *Wild Life*.

## Calgarians 'thrilled to bits' over Oscar nod

► Duo also nominated in 2000 for their film *When the Day Breaks* ► Wendy Tilby attended in 1992



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Despite having already experienced the excitement and nerves that come with getting an Oscar nomination, Calgarians Amanda Forbis and Wendy Tilby say the butterflies are still fluttering.

The filmmaking duo found out they were on the list of nominees for this year's Academy Awards through a press release after missing the announcement Tuesday morning.

"We were absolutely thrilled to bits," Tilby said.

**5** There are five films nominated for best animated short film, including *Wild Life* and a second NFB short, *Dimanche/Sunday*, by Montreal's Patrick Doyon.

"We weren't necessarily expecting it."

The two describe their short animated film, *Wild Life*, as a "Canadian western" based on the lives of their own family.

"It's also really, really Albertan," Tilby said. "It's absolutely situated right here."

As members of the Na-

tional Film Board of Canada, Forbis and Tilby said they feel lucky to be ambassadors for the organization.

"I think the nicest thing about this nomination is it's one for the NFB," Forbis said.

"There's really no other way that we could have made the film," added Tilby.

With more than a month to go until the big show on Feb. 26, Tilby said the anticipation is already building.

"I think 'butterflies' is probably an understatement," she said.

### STREET CHURCH

## Preacher barred from city hall

Street Church preacher Artur Pawlowski has been barred from city hall after staging another demonstration inside the building.

Pawlowski was conducting a service in the atrium on Tuesday, which he has done on

other occasions, when he was shown the door.

Reports said he has been barred from the public building for one year.

Pawlowski has been arrested several times for trespassing and other minor transgressions as a result of the prayer circles and singing services that he and his followers stage in the municipal building.

According to the Street Church website, Pawlowski has been charged with more than 70 violations over the past six years. ● METRO

## PC hopeful says he was threatened

Police are investigating after Dale Galbraith, president of the Progressive Conservative constituency association in Calgary-McCall, reportedly received two death threats following a heated PC nomination contest in the riding. Galbraith is seeking the nod for the PCs in Calgary-Currie. That vote takes place on Saturday. ● METRO





## Groups soft-pedal bike-share plan

With the city's proposed bike-share program on the docket again, cycling groups are cautioning council: Go slow.

Gary Beaton, president of the Tour de Nuit Socie-

ty, said he will advocate against the program — which could see up to 400 bicycles for rent in the city — at the transportation and transit committee today.

Bike Calgary president Brent Clark said he would endorse it as long as resources aren't diverted from other high-priority areas of cycling.

● KATIE TURNER

# Study taps into teen drinkers

► Youth will be quizzed if they end up in the ER



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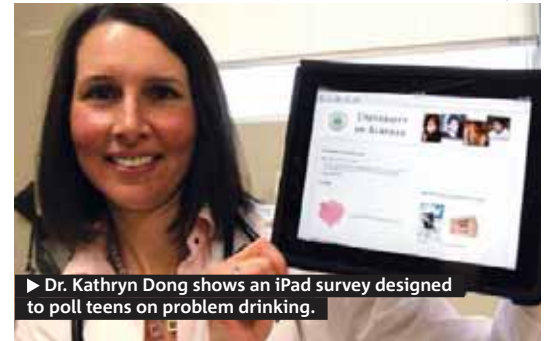
University of Alberta researchers want teens who end up in the emergency room because of drinking to think twice about alcohol's effects.

Assistant professors Dr. Kathryn Dong and Dr. Amanda Newton are piloting a study into the reasons — and the amounts — teenagers drink.

Method: An iPad survey the day after an ER visit.

"Teens will drink but not all teens end up in the emergency department," said Newton.

She said one objective is



► Dr. Kathryn Dong shows an iPad survey designed to poll teens on problem drinking.

to test if teens trust an iPad over a parent, doctor or nurse.

The project is a joint effort of the pediatrics and emergency medicine departments in the universi-

ty's faculty of medicine and dentistry.

In addition to Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital ER, teens are being polled after visits to Calgary and Halifax hospitals.

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# Sex killer's wife to fight appeal of media ban

► Opening divorce proceedings to the public would cause Russell Williams' wife more harm: Lawyer

Ontario's top court is granting an appeal of a sweeping publication ban on the divorce of convicted sex killer Russell Williams.

But most of the provisions of the ban will remain in effect for 14 days so that Williams' estranged wife can take steps to challenge the decision if she wishes, according to the 28-page decision released Tuesday by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Mary Jane Binks, the Ottawa lawyer representing Williams' wife, said her client will take the matter to the country's highest court. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Fighting the ban

The ban was challenged by a coalition of news agencies, including the Ottawa Citizen, the Ottawa Sun, CTV, CBC and Global TV.

► Richard Dearden, who represents the media, called it an "important decision for freedom of the process."

► "There's a real public interest in knowing how the court is going to divide assets, like Mr. Williams' military pension, and what's going to be left over for Mr. Williams' victims to seek to enforce any judgments."



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► Ontario's top court is granting an appeal of a sweeping publication ban on the divorce of convicted sex killer Russell Williams.

## 'America is back'

U.S. President Barack Obama says "America is back" as a world power.

The president gave a flag-waving defence of American power and influence Monday night as part of his State of the Union address. He said world opinions about the U.S. are on the rise, and he calls America the "indispensable nation" in world affairs.

He talked about extending new ties and influence

toward Asia, while claiming that old alliances in Europe and elsewhere are stronger than ever. Obama also cited the example of Iran, where with U.S. prompting much of the world is now united in applying sanctions over Iran's disputed nuclear program.

Obama left out that the sanctions net has holes, because some of Iran's large oil-trading partners won't go along. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## News in brief

### Bandit hurt his own case: Docs

U.S. federal court documents say the "Barefoot Bandit" ridiculed police and prosecutors in emails he sent from prison, undercutting his claims he's sorry for his two-year crime spree. He bragged that his accom-

plishments were "amazing." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### B.C. commune wants tax break

The leader of a B.C. polygamous commune on trial for suspected tax evasion says money earned by his followers is used in the community. Winston Blackmore says his community deserves special religious tax status. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Facebook, Google go head-to-head

The two biggest powers on the Internet, Google and Facebook, are in a high-stakes battle to be your search engine.

And this isn't just an online fight: The U.S. Federal Trade Commission and the European Union are investigating whether the Google monopoly unfairly damages other search engines.

Top guns at Facebook have created a new book-market and a stern lec-

ture in fairness to counter Google's own attempt two weeks ago to become more Facebook-like.

Google on Jan. 10 released Search Plus, a new search tool on its site. Search Plus scours the Internet through Google and Google Plus.

This means it leaves out the world's most popular social networking sites: Facebook and Twitter.

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## Google merges user data

Google Inc. is overhauling the way it treats user data, linking information across its array of email, video and social networking

services so that information gathered in one place can be used in another.

For example, if you spent the last hour logged into Google to search the web for skateboards, the next time you log into YouTube, there's a good chance you'll find videos featuring Tony Hawk.

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## WikiLeaks founder takes act to TV, promises controversy

► 40-year-old Julian Assange to host new talk show that will air in March

You've read his leaks. Now watch his show.

Cyber-transparency activist Julian Assange says he's launching a career in television, hosting what he's billing as a new brand of talk show built around the theme of "the world tomorrow."

The show's guests haven't been disclosed, but Assange has promised to give viewers more of what he's been supplying for years: Controversy.

The WikiLeaks secret-spilling site said in a statement released late Monday that "iconoclasts, visionaries and power insiders" would be brought in so that Assange could challenge them on their vision of world affairs and "their ideas on how to secure a

► Julian Assange pauses as he makes a statement to media gathered outside the High Court in London.

KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



brighter future."

The world of television talk shows is a new one for the 40-year-old Australian, whose group has orchestrated the biggest mass-disclosures of secret

documents in U.S. history. But the statement argued that Assange was uniquely qualified for the role given his past as "a pioneer for a more just world and a victim of political repression."

### WikiLeaks

- WikiLeaks said the show would begin airing in mid-March.
- Julian Assange is currently fighting extradition to Sweden over sex-crimes allegations, and U.S. officials are weighing WikiLeaks' charges.

In its statement, WikiLeaks referred queries about the series to the hitherto obscure Quick Roll Productions, whose website carried no indication of where the group was based or who was managing it. An online records search indicated that Quick Roll's site was created about two weeks ago.

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
## IMF cuts Canada's growth forecast

Canada's recovery is being dragged down by a cascading crisis in Europe and weakening conditions elsewhere, the International Monetary Fund suggests in its latest economic outlook.

The Washington-based monitor of global financial affairs said Tuesday that Canada's economy will likely now grow by only 1.7 per cent, more than half a point below 2011's 2.3 per cent advance. The new forecast is three notches lower than the Bank of Canada's estimate last week — and two-tenths of a point lower than the IMF's own previous call in September.

The IMF doesn't see the economy in Canada strengthening much in 2013. Unlike the central bank, which predicts 2.8 per cent expansion, it says Canada's recovery will be restrained to two

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Germany, Italy and Spain will record negative growth in 2012 and the eurozone as a whole will suffer a mild recession, the IMF said.

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# Women's groups condemn tabloids

## U.K. inquiry moves from hacking to the portrayal of women in media

Britain's inquiry into media ethics shifted its focus away from phone hacking Tuesday to look into how women are portrayed in U.K. newspapers.

Women's-rights campaigners told the inquiry that newspapers treat women as sex objects and mis-report cases of rape and domestic violence.

Anna Van Heeswijk of women's-campaigns group Object said that sexualized images of topless or skimpily clad women in British tabloid newspapers damage the way young women think of their appearances and lifestyles.

She said anyone who complained about the newspapers' use of these images in turn was vilified, and pointed to how The Sun newspaper called lawmaker Clare Short "fat, jealous" when she tried to stop the tabloid from printing a daily photograph of a

topless woman on page 3. "Clearly the effect has been to close down free speech in relation to groups and individuals making a critique against these newspapers," Van Heeswijk said.

Marai Larasi of campaign group End Violence Against Women said newspaper stories about attacks on women often focused on their actions, implying that somehow they had provoked their attackers. She said newspaper reports about a woman murdered by her husband after she announced a separation on social networking site Facebook focused on her actions and not her husband's violence.

"The fact that it became known as a Facebook murder is symbolic," she said. "It was the murder of a real woman by her partner."

Prime Minister David Cameron set up the media-



► Object campaigner Anna Van Heeswijk on the cover of the Guardian's magazine, The Observer.

ethics inquiry after revelations that Rupert Murdoch's News of the World newspaper had illegally listened to cellphone voice mails of celebrities, politi-

cians and crime victims. The inquiry, led by Judge Brian Leveson, is hearing suggestions for new forms of press regulation.

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# No stop in decline for RIM shares

Research in Motion shares fell again Tuesday amid continuing questions about whether the BlackBerry maker's new chief executive and chairwoman will be able to fix the global smartphone company.

In the two days of trading since Canada's premier information-technology company announced Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie have stepped aside as co-CEOs, while remaining di-

rectors, RIM has lost about \$1 billion in market value.

The stock closed down about three per cent, or 50 cents, at \$15.17 on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Tuesday on the heels of a near 10 per cent drop on Monday. The shares closed at \$17.24 on Friday.

Scotiabank analyst Gus Papageorgiou said there are ways for RIM to do better, including licensing its QNX operating system to other



► Former RIM co-CEOs Jim Balsillie, left, and Mike Lazaridis.

smartphone makers, but new CEO Thorsten Heins said that would not be a priority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR — THEY'RE CATS

## JUST SAYIN' ...

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insist on taking their cats on the plane and at the same time protect people who are allergic to cats.

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I realize I'm treading on wafer-thin ice, but if you want an emotional-support animal, get a golden retriever. They love everybody, almost as much as they

OK, class, today's question: How did we get from seeing-eye dogs to emotional-support animals?

Air Canada is trying to figure out how to accommodate people who

insist on taking their cats on the plane and at the same time protect people who are allergic to cats.

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**“And shame on Air Canada for knuckling under. I like peanuts, but the airline had no difficulty depriving me of the tasty legume in order to protect other passengers from anaphylactic shock. As if?”**

curmudgeon: The same goes for shih tzus and the like. Leave your adorable mutt at home in the care of a competent kennel.)

What's really annoying is this tendency to escalate beyond all reason. It's one thing to feel the urge to take Kitty to visit Aunt Bossy in Halifax, quite another to declare Kitty an “emotional-support animal,” raising her companionship to the level of ersatz human right. Right.

And shame on Air Canada for knuckling under. I like peanuts, but the airline had no difficulty depriving me of the tasty legume in order to protect other passengers from anaphylactic shock. As if?

Air Canada needs to know I'm addicted to peanuts. Once I get started, I can't stop. Without peanuts, I'll never make it to Halifax. Those little cracker things don't fill the bill; I require emotional-support nuts.

And if I don't get them, I'll complain to my friendly neighbourhood human-rights commission, which never met a complaint it didn't like.

Then, I'm going into hiding.

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► @calgaryrants: Minister Horne confirms South Hospital construction on schedule and on budget. #ableg #yyc

► @HenryTeng85: Nice day today #YYC #Flames game tonight!!! #Biggame #needtoshowup need this win!!!

► @gccarra: Dear #yyc, if any

of you want any information from me about anything, please don't #FOIP me, just ask me. Love, @gccarra

► @MissGinal: Ok, so I know it's a pretty nice day in #yyc, but is it really short shorts and stilettos weather?

► @erratikart: Wow. Calgary is sooooo much better when the Flames don't make the playoffs. #yyc #lamesflames

► @Jeanniehu: #yyc #Costco heritage deerfoot Usual gong show. Give the lady cashing out a pair of glass! #slowservice

## Daily Zoom



## Spider-silk cape on display

LONDON. This may not fit arachnophobes!

A golden cape created from silk spun by more than a million spiders goes on display at London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

The hand-woven garment took more than four years to make from the silk of 1.2-million female golden orb spiders, native to Madagascar. ● MWN



► Makers say spider silk is lighter than normal silk.

**“We wanted to make something (in which) you'd feel cocooned like a spider web. ... There is a strange dichotomy between the repulsive and 'poetic' in spiders.”**

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## How movies teach us about life's Grey areas

- Looking to survive a plane crash in the Andes? Or how to live as a shipwrecked loner on a tropical island?
- Just press 'play' and sit down with a bowl of popcorn

CONTRIBUTED



► A scene from *The Grey*, which opens Friday. The film's plot revolves around an oil drilling team that struggles to survive in the wild after a plane crash.

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This Christmas I got a book titled *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook*.

Contained within were tidbits of information on how to survive shark attack, a volcano eruption, even what to do when the pilot passes out leaving you to land the plane.

It's an interesting read, but I am a visual person and have learned much more about survival from watching movies than from the pages of this book.

From this weekend's *The Grey*, a man versus nature tale starring Liam Neeson, I learned that empty airplane booze bottles can be broken, wedged between your fingers and repurposed as Wolverine-style knuckles of death.

Hopefully I'll never have to use that trick, but it is just one of many lessons learned at the movies.

Alive, the story of

Uruguay's rugby team whose plane crashed in the middle of the Andes mountains, I learned that cannibalism is a good way to stave off hunger pangs.

A similar lesson was taught in the Robert Redford film *Jeremiah Johnson*, based on a real-life trapper named John Johnston, nicknamed "Liver Eater Johnston" for his habit of cutting out and eating the livers of men he killed.

From the true-to-life mountain climbing movies *127 Hours* and *Touching the Void*, I learned perseverance.

In the former a man is wedged literally between a rock and a hard place. To get free he cuts off his own arm with a pocketknife. Now that's stick-to-itiveness!

The latter sees a man with a severely broken leg crawling his way out of a deep crevice to safety.

From *Cast Away*, Tom Hanks's stranded-on-a-desert-isle movie, I learned how to build a raft from a portable toilet, and how, in lieu of friends, a soccer ball with a bloody handprint can be man's best friend.

Should you find yourself stranded on a snow-

**"From this weekend's *The Grey*, a man versus nature tale starring Liam Neeson, I learned that empty airplane booze bottles can be broken, wedged between your fingers and repurposed as Wolverine-style knuckles of death."**

shoer mountain top think back to the Lance Henriksen movie *Survival Quest*; not only does it teach viewers to forage for food and raft raging waters, but also how to dig an ice cave to survive the bitter cold.

In case of a zombie attack the classic George A. Romero movies teach us all we need to know. Remember the rhyme: "Shoot the living dead in the head."

Should you find yourself in mortal combat with a monster, another tip learned from dozens of other horror films suggests that once you've slain the creature, don't double check to make sure it's really dead.



# CBS pumps up the raunch factor

► Network's Monday night comedies push the barriers with risqué jokes — topic include anal sex, prostitution, herpes, flatulence, bowel movements and drug use

Last week seemed typical for CBS' sitcoms on Monday night, television's most popular — and raunchy — night of comedy.

There was a strip club visit on *How I Met Your Mother*, lap dance included. The stars of *2 Broke Girls* mistakenly believed an upstairs neighbour ran a brothel. *Two and a Half Men* included jokes about masturbation, oral sex, sex with moms, trading cigarettes for sex and two scenes with loud noises of passion from behind closed doors.

A quick count found 53 sex jokes on the network's four comedies, which includes *Mike & Molly*. There were also nine jokes about flatulence or bowel movements, and two scenes where marijuana use was clearly implied — one with a teenage boy.

The subject matter leaves some viewers queasy, such as Amanda St. Amand, mother of two college students from St. Louis. She said the shows go past raunchy fun to just plain raunchy. She rarely watches them anymore.

CBS and producers of the comedies strongly defend their work and point to the shows' success as evidence they're doing something right. *Two and a Half Men* is TV's favourite comedy, *How I Met Your Mother* has its best ratings ever in its seventh year and *2 Broke Girls* is a breakout freshman hit.

CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler said the comedies are "a little risqué," but that the characters are living truthfully within their particular circumstances.

"The fact that there is such strong ratings growth for all of them means that those shows are resonating," Tassler said. "It means that the characters are resonating. It means that their dialogue is really landing with audiences."

*2 Broke Girls* opened its



► Ashton Kutcher and Sophie Winkleman get a little cosy in *Two and a Half Men*.



► The raunch resonates with viewers: *2 Broke Girls* is a breakout freshman hit.

## Where's the line?

► "That's one of the great things about broadcast television is nobody really knows what's appropriate anymore. It's a floating target." — Chuck Lorre, whose prolific production company oversees *Mike & Molly* and *Two and a Half Men*.

episode with the two lead characters trading four raunchy jokes with the leering cook in the diner where they work.

Show creator Michael Patrick King reacted strongly earlier this month when he was questioned at a meeting of the Television Critics Association about jokes in his show regarding anal sex.

"It's 8:30 on Monday on CBS in 2012," said King, former producer of *Sex and the City* for HBO. "It's a very different world than 8:30 on Monday on CBS in

1994. ... I consider our jokes really classy dirty. I think they're high low-brow. I think they're fun and sophisticated and naughty, and I think everybody likes a good naughty joke."

In last Monday's episode, which had four jokes about prostitution and four about herpes, Caroline and Max go to see the madam of a brothel and knock on the wrong door to be greeted by a man wearing a dog collar and leash.

One viewer, 36-year-old Allison Trembly of Denver, Colo., said she's a fan of the Monday comedies. "I can relate to the humour," said Trembly, who is single and an economic development and marketing specialist. "Sometimes I wonder if the audience gets some of it. But they must because the night is highly rated."

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# I saw mommy kissing ... 10 guys in a hot tub

► Emily Maynard becomes the first single mom to star on the Bachelorette

## THE WORD

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Here's the thing about The Bachelor and The Bachelorette: If you want to put yourself in a ridiculous situation by vying for the "love" of some stranger while a group of other similarly-dressed people do the same on national TV, that's fine. You are a (semi) rational adult and that's your weird bag. However, it's when kids are involved that I get the heebie-jeebies.

It was announced yesterday that Emily Maynard, the 25-year-old single mom who was the chosen one on The Bachelor with Brad Womack, but then broke up with him shortly thereafter, will now be the star of the eighth season of The Bachelorette.

Although there is no word on what kind of role Maynard's six-year-old daughter will play in the



► Emily Maynard is the new Bachelorette.

series, the ABC press releases are quick to point out that Maynard is the first single mom to star in

the series. Maynard's little girl also appeared on The Bachelor.

Look. It's great that sin-

**But isn't it confusing enough for little children when their parents date multiple people/make-out half-dressed in hot tubs without being on network TV?**

gle moms can be on The Bachelorette.

In fact, the series needs to broaden their casting net — more single moms! More single dads!

How about single granddads? Heck, what about a contestant who isn't white? But isn't it confusing enough for little children when their parents date multiple people/make out half-dressed in hot tubs without being on network TV?

Let's hope ABC won't showboat the little girl for ratings, like they did with single dad Jason Mesnick's then four-year-old son Ty on The Bachelor.

Let's leave that poor parenting to Teen Mom, shall we?

## Talking points

**Aniston fuels pregnancy rumours by turning down new movies**

OR MAYBE SHE JUST ISN'T THE DRAW SHE ONCE WAS Jennifer Aniston doesn't have any new acting gigs lined up, and sources say that's just how she likes it, according to the Daily Mail.

"She wants to focus on herself and hopefully becoming a mother," a source says.

"She is thinking of launching her own fashion line which would allow her to spend more time at home."

The source adds that Aniston has not scheduled any movies in the "foreseeable future," telling her agents "she needs a break."

Rumors circulated last week that Aniston is six months pregnant, and reps for



## Celebrity tweets



"Sitting on a balcony watching far hills. White spire peaks. I feel blessed. Despite the stabbers the day has been kind."



@CormacMcCarthy



@ParisHilton

"Had fun at Sundance, just got back to L.A. I will be posting some iPhone pics from my trip soon. Stay tuned..."

the actress have neither confirmed nor denied the reports.

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**Berry's ex charged with endangering her child**

KEEP COOL Gabriel Aubry, Halle Berry's ex-boyfriend and the father of her daughter, is reportedly being investigated for criminal child endangerment and battery, according to TMZ. Law enforcement sources say Aubry allegedly shoved his nanny into a door while she was holding his and Berry's three-year-old daughter, Nahla.

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# Four must try spa trends

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► Disney's family resort and spa Aulani in Hawaii.

## 1

### Family Affair

More spas are accommodating adults and kids together. "The new thing is that it's the family. People want to go with their children to spas. Not all of them, of course. Some

want to go without," said Susie Ellis, president of the online spa portal SpaFinder. "We're seeing now the spas responding and very much making it more of a welcome place for kids." Ellis predicts more will reconsider age restrictions. Kid-specific spas are also on the rise, Ellis said.

## 2

### Colour, Light, Music, Vibration

Incorporating them as ambient afterthoughts is nothing new for the spa industry. Now they're 'becoming the main event,' a report from SpaFinder said. One innovation is software that creates real-time music, tones, beats and other sounds like wind rustling and rivers to beats generated by a therapist's movements in tandem with the client's bodily responses during massages, SpaFinder said. The client leaves with a CD of the 'well-being music-art' they helped create.



► While music used to be an ambient afterthought in spas, it's now an integral part of many treatments.



► 'The Nest' at Coqoon Spa in Phuket.

## 3

### Extra wow factor

Some spas are trying to wow and woo with unusual, eye-popping decor that

defies traditional minimalism. In Thailand, a luxurious rainforest wicker treehouse, 'The Nest,' serves as a private spa suite suspended from tree branches at the Coqoon Spa at Indigo Pearl in Phuket.

## 4

### Cold and ice

With saunas, steam rooms, Whirlpool baths and rock massages, spas have traditionally used heat to de-stress and detoxify, but the industry is taking a cue from the Romans, who more than 2,000 years ago finished spa-like experiences with a trip to the 'frigidarium.' Look for more ice therapies and cold rooms alternated with hot treatments to reduce pain and inflammation in mus-



► Spa expos are one place to learn about new therapies.

cles and joints, Ellis said. At ESPA locations around the world, clients can scoop ice crystals from fountains to rub down after saunas. At the Qua Baths & Spa in Caesars Palace Las Vegas, visi-

tors can head to the 'arctic ice room' to sit amid falling snow as a more gentle transition from heat and steam than the usual cold plunge into a pool.

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### Travel in brief



Over the decades, The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead, U2 and hundreds of other acts have played the legendary outdoor stage at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, nestled between two 91-metre sandstone monoliths in the Rocky Mountains foothills outside Denver. On Jan. 27, the hip-hop group Atmosphere and Grammy-winning rapper Common, shown, are headlining the venue's first concert in the middle of winter.

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ice and snow.

Relatively few people venture into the park at this time, just 17,262 overnight visitors last winter compared to the nearly 1.2 million overnight stays between June and September 2010.

The wildlife re-emerges with the people gone, and wolves, foxes, swans, geese, eagles, bison and elk are more frequently seen at this time of year.

It's also a prime time for cross-country skiing. Yellowstone in winter has plenty of trails for novices and experts alike. No matter the skill level, a ski trip in Yellowstone leaves you with a sense of the park's beauty that is completely different from the busy summer months.

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At the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel near the



► Winter is a perfect time to get immersed in Yellowstone National Park.

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northern entrance, plot out your ski route. These are the only accommodations inside the park during the winter season from mid-December until the first week-end of March.

There's usually plenty of space throughout the season, with Old Faithful normally running at about 70 per cent of capacity and Mammoth about 60 per cent full. The exception is Christmas, when the lodges are usually full.

Once you get to Old

Faithful in winter, you're pretty much stuck there unless you pony up another \$62 to take the three-hour snowcoach back to West Yellowstone. The rooms at Old Faithful are \$206 a night, there's no television and reservations are a must at the one restaurant.

But the adventure begins just outside the door with the iconic geyser as the main attraction. Most wintertime visitors choose to tour the park by snowcoach or snowmobile. But there's

really no better way to become immersed in the park than with a pair of skis. There are the easy outings, such as the trails around the Upper Geyser Basin just outside of the lodge. Then there are the tougher ones, including arduous trails to the Continental Divide. For those who don't want to waste any more time than necessary, and have an extra \$16.50, a shuttle is available to take skiers to more distant trailheads.

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# For sweet & savoury taste buds

► This sandwich boasts the picante flavour of curry, which works well with chicken ► Adding a dash of orange juice helps to fight colds

Looking for a new idea for your lunch that will help to keep that winter cold away?

This tasty chicken sandwich sings of orange flavour with a hint of curry, which makes for a perfect twist to a sandwich classic, with added health benefits.

## Preparation:

**1** In skillet heat oil over medium-high heat and cook onion and garlic for 3 minutes or until starting to soften. Add chicken, curry powder, coriander and turmeric; cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Whisk cornstarch into orange juice and add to skillet; bring to

boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside.

**2** Remove from heat and stir in yogurt, coriander, chutney, salt and pepper.

**3** Spread mixture over 1 naan bread and top with spinach. Top with other naan and cut in quarters to serve.

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► This recipe serves four.

## Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) diced red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 12 oz (375 g) boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced (about 2 breasts)

- 2 tsp (10 mL) curry powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each ground coriander/turmeric
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) 0 % plain Greek yogurt

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh coriander
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) mango chutney
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- 2 large naan breads
- 1 cup (250 mL) baby spinach

► Cardamom-Honey Chicken Thighs combines a mix of flavours ► Add new potatoes to make it a meal

Substitute any root vegetables you like for the potatoes in this recipe. Sweet potatoes, carrots and parsnips are fine choices. You also could skip the vegetables entirely and serve the chicken over egg noodles tossed with the pan sauce.

## Preparation:

**1** Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). In a small bowl, whisk together honey, orange zest, 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil, 5 ml (1 tsp) salt, garlic powder, cardamom and pepper. Set aside.

**2** In a 23-cm (9-inch) square metal roasting or baking pan, toss potatoes with remaining 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil and 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt. Arrange potatoes in an even layer.

**3** Use a pastry brush to coat chicken thighs with honey mixture under and over skin. Arrange

chicken pieces over potatoes.

**4** Cover with foil and roast for 35 minutes. Uncover and roast for another 15 minutes. Transfer meat and potatoes to a plate, cover with foil and set aside.

**5** Set roasting pan over a stovetop burner on medium-high heat. Bring liquid in the pan to a simmer and cook until thickened, about 2 minutes.

**6** Serve chicken and potatoes drizzled with pan sauce. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/J.M. HIRSCH**

## Ingredients:

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) honey
- Zest of 1 orange
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive or canola oil, divided

- Kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) garlic powder
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) ground cardamom
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground

- black pepper
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) new potatoes
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs

## Drink of the week

### Triple Shots of Flavour

Looking for a way to serve up a fun non-alcoholic drink? Try these shooters.

- Fresh cucumber
- Watermelon
- Ginger
- Sparkling water

On tray, place 3 shot glasses (2 oz each). Using small melon baller make 3 balls of cucumber, 3 balls of watermelon, 3 balls of ginger. Place fruit balls in glasses, then pour cold sparkling water over fruit. Allow to infuse 1 min. Bubbles will extract the fresh fruit flavours. **SOCIETEPERRIER.COM**



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# Put away before you plug away

► You've got a stack of work to handle but your office is in shambles ► Take in these tips on tidying up

For many working Canadians who work from home or maintain a home office, organization is especially important. Being productive is a direct result of being organized, but the thought of where to start and how to go about it may be overwhelming.

The good news is, a few simple steps can make a major difference.

## Clear the clutter

Being organized starts with cutting out the clutter. Too often our offices are crammed with machines, supplies and pieces of paper, making our workstations seem completely dysfunctional.

When it comes to paperwork, limit the documents you keep in hard copy. Scan your documents and store them on your computer's hard drive.

Shredding the hard

copies will make an immediate difference in the amount of space you have.

## Label and file

Once you decide what documents you need to keep in hard copy, make sure they have a designated place. To achieve this, an effective labelling system is a no-brainer.

Colour code and label your files so everything is clearly identified and easily accessible. Assign a colour category to your files, such as green for financial documents and blue for personal papers. Organization also extends to how you manage your contacts.

If you tend to do a lot of mailings, investing in a la-

## Clear your head

### Learn to love lists

► An organized mind is a productive mind. At the end of the day, make a to-do list for the next day and set it out on your desk so it's ready when you come in.

► Not only will this help you be more efficient, it will help de-clutter your mind so when you leave the office you can focus on things other than work.



► A scattered desk means a scattered brain.

bel printer with software that allows you to save your contacts is the way to go. There are some great electronic labellers on the market that can be purchased in most office supply stores or online on websites like brother.ca.

## Establish office routines and stick to them

To avoid falling into the "disorganization rut" once again, you need to implement a daily or weekly routine. Take a few minutes each day to

sort through every piece of paper that comes into your office. As tedious as this may be, this system will help you stay organized and keep things running smoothly.

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# Why I chose to attend Hard Work U

► Prioritizing pages over partying ain't easy ► But skipping the occasional shindig feels worth it to this student

## STUDENT VOICE

CEILIDH MILLAR  
TALENTEGG.CA

As a first-year media communications student, here's the scoop.

The holidays are over and I'm back at school. During the break, I had a chance to catch up with friends who were home from university. By all accounts, they're having the time of their lives. They regaled me with stories about cool parties, wild weekend trips and antics of living in residence.

OK, am I missing something here? My post-secondary experience has been the exact opposite. Long days of classes, evenings and weekends filled with assignments and studying... pure slog!

Forget about those wild dorm parties. In my dorm there's complete silence by 9 p.m. — everyone is in their room studying or passed out from exhaustion!

I found my first end-of-semester experience overwhelming! Eight finals in four days...brutal! I spent my evenings at the campus broadcast centre cramming for exams and editing film until three in the morning. Ah, beautiful



► Ceilidh Millar and CTV host Lloyd Robertson.

sleep... is now my idea of fun!

Was I at No Fun Tech? Had I chosen the wrong school?

Over the break, I had time to reflect on why I selected this college in the first place. I chose BC-

IT because it has a great media communications program.

I wanted a program that focused on practical training in addition to the academics. The program covers both aspects and students can be secure in the

knowledge they'll be well prepared to enter the job force. BCIT has one of the best track records of producing top graduates who are sought after by employers.

Although it may be entertaining to be at Fun Time U, I know the true purpose of college. I be-

lieve in post-secondary education that gets you results — a job!

BCIT has accelerated programs. Students are basically doing four years in two. My university friends take only four courses a semester, I'm taking eight, resulting in 16 courses a term plus a

**"Although it may be entertaining to be at Fun Time U, I know the true purpose of college. I believe in post-secondary education that gets you results — the job!"**

CEILIDH MILLAR

practicum. Yeah, no wonder I'm tired!

I reminded myself, I'll have two years experience working in the industry by the time my university friends even graduate.

Yes, I definitely made the right decision.

Nobody said it was going to be easy. You know the saying, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." Well, by the time I graduate, I should be Hercules!

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## Lessons learned

Key take-aways from Ceilidh's experience:

- Choose programs and courses that offer hands-on experience to get ahead of your peers
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# Getting kids to care

► Dr. Oz finds way of talking well-being with youngsters



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When he's not operating on patients, hosting a talk show or authoring books, Dr. Mehmet Oz devotes his time to his charity, HealthCorps, a Peace Corps-like program that sends college grads into high schools to mentor students on health and well-being.

**Why is peer-to-peer mentoring the right approach to take to teach kids about their health?**

Well, part of it is because I have kids. I was asked by their school to give a talk to them once about 10 years ago, and they seemed sort of bored but I gave the talk anyway. The next day, as I got to the hospital, I had probably a dozen phone



► Dr. Mehmet Oz

calls from corporate executives, lawyers [and] other doctors saying their kids had come home that night and had told them things like "If you have a piece of bread, it's like having a candy bar." And it began a process in my mind: If we can get these kids to talk with each other in a way that makes it cool to push back against your parents, they'll do it.

I'm not the one to deliver that message, but I can get college kids to do it.

**What are your goals for the program, and what are you doing to reach them?**

I want to have HealthCorps schools in every major city in America, and I want to have them in every state. We may not be in every school, and I think one of the things we're learning is that we can develop [the] best practices from the many schools we're in that other schools can adopt and begin to use in their own programs. We're gonna call it HealthCorps University. So either you'll have one of my volunteers in your school who will teach your kids about health, and [for] anybody else, health teachers can take the syllabus and use it on their own.



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WASHINGTON CAPITALS FORWARD ALEX OVECHKIN, WHO HAS DECIDED HE WON'T PARTICIPATE IN THIS WEEKEND'S ALL-STAR GAME BECAUSE OF A THREE-GAME SUSPENSION HANDED TO HIM BY THE NHL EARLIER THIS WEEK.

**"Given the circumstances involved, we understand Mr. Ovechkin's decision in this regard and have no intention of pursuing this matter further."**

NHL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BILL DALY IN A STATEMENT.



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# Sharks' Finn beats Calgary's

► Niemi steals the win from fellow countryman Kiprusoff as San Jose blanks the Flames

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SHARKS

FLAMES

Benn Ferriero scored the only goal and Antti Niemi made 25 saves Tuesday night as the San Jose Sharks defeated the Calgary Flames 1-0 in both teams' last game before the NHL all-star break.

Ferriero's goal came at 11:35 of the third period on a scramble in front of the Flames net. Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff made stops on Dan Boyle and Logan Couture before the puck bounced in the air where Ferriero gloved it down and slapped it in.

Calgary generated only 11 shots during the first 40 minutes, but Niemi was much busier in the third period en route to his third shutout of the season.

The 28-year-old goaltender made three excellent saves to keep the game scoreless, including a glove save off Mikael Backlund on the opening shift of the third. He also got a glove on Alex Tanguay's



► Lee Stempniak has his wrap-around shot stopped by Sharks goalie Antti Niemi in Calgary on Tuesday night.

backhand attempt on a breakaway five minutes later, and jabbed out a pad to deny Tim Jackman on a dangerous rebound from close-in.

Niemi was again tested in the final 90 seconds as the Flames pulled their goalie and poured on the pressure. Flames forwards Jarome Iginla and Olli Jokinen both had dangerous chances but couldn't beat

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**It was a bounce back game for Antti Niemi, who got the night off in Edmonton Monday after giving up four goals in each of his previous two starts.**

the Finnish goaltender.  
San Jose (27-14-6)

snapped a three-game winless skid and goes into the break in first place in the Pacific Division, two points up on the L.A. Kings.

Calgary (23-21-6) has lost two straight at home on the heels of an eight-game winning streak at the Saddledome. The Flames were back in Calgary after a successful three-game road trip in which they earned five of a possible six points.

The only game they didn't win was a 2-1 shootout loss to the Sharks last Tuesday.

Kiprusoff's best stop over the initial two periods was a scrambling paddle save off Patrick Marleau who was at the side of the net trying to get his stick on a loose puck.

Kiprusoff finished with 26 saves.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Fielder on way to Detroit: Source

Free agent first baseman Prince Fielder and the Detroit Tigers agreed Tuesday on a nine-year, \$214 million US contract that fills the AL Central champions' need for a power hitter, a person familiar with the deal said.

CBS first reported the agreement.

The person told The Associated Press that the deal was subject to a physical. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract was not yet complete.

Detroit boldly stepped up in the Fielder sweep-

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Prince Fielder,  
Tigers  
\$23.78 million

Among current players, Fielder's new yearly average pay would be the fifth highest in the major leagues.

stakes after the recent knee injury to star Victor Martinez. A week ago, the Tigers announced that the productive designated hit-

ter could miss the entire season after tearing his left ACL during off-season conditioning.

The Tigers won their di-

vision by 15 games before losing in the AL championship series to Texas.

Adding the 27-year-old Fielder gives the Tigers two

of the game's premier sluggers, pairing him with Miguel Cabrera.

With Cabrera and Fielder, Detroit will begin this season with two players under age 30 with at least 200 career homers. According to STATS LLC, that's happened only once before. At the start of the 1961 season, the Milwaukee Braves featured 29-year-old Eddie Matthews (338 homers) and 27-year-old Hank Aaron (219).

Fielder has averaged 40 homers and 113 RBIs over the past five years.

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## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	47	31	12	1	3	132	96	64	15-5-0-2	16-7-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Boston	47	31	14	1	1	171	101	64	16-7-1-1	15-7-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
d-Washington	48	26	19	1	2	136	137	55	18-6-0-1	8-13-1-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Philadelphia	48	29	14	2	3	162	142	63	11-7-1-2	18-7-1-1	6-3-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	49	28	17	2	2	152	127	60	14-8-2-0	14-9-0-2	7-3-0-0	W7
Ottawa	52	27	19	4	2	157	160	60	14-9-0-1	13-10-4-1	6-4-0-0	L3
New Jersey	48	26	19	1	2	129	136	55	12-9-0-2	14-10-1-0	4-4-1-1	L3
Florida	48	22	15	5	6	122	136	55	11-5-1-6	11-10-4-0	3-2-3-2	L1
Toronto	49	25	19	3	2	151	147	55	14-8-2-2	11-11-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Winnipeg	50	22	22	3	3	124	143	50	15-8-0-2	7-14-3-1	3-6-0-1	L3
Tampa Bay	48	21	23	1	3	136	165	46	13-7-0-1	8-16-1-2	4-5-0-1	W4
NY Islanders	48	19	22	5	2	115	143	45	11-11-4-0	8-11-1-2	5-4-1-0	L2
Montreal	48	18	21	2	7	123	132	45	10-8-2-4	10-12-0-2	5-3-0-2	W1
Buffalo	49	20	24	3	2	119	149	45	11-9-3-2	9-15-0-0	2-7-1-0	W1
Carolina	51	18	24	5	4	130	159	45	13-11-0-3	5-13-5-1	5-3-1-1	W1

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	49	33	15	1	0	158	110	67	20-2-1-0	13-13-0-0	9-1-0-0	W7
d-Vancouver	48	29	15	4	4	155	120	62	13-6-0-3	16-9-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
d-San Jose	47	27	14	3	3	131	110	60	15-8-2-0	12-6-1-3	4-3-1-2	W1
St. Louis	49	29	13	1	6	124	102	65	21-3-1-3	8-10-0-3	7-1-1-1	L2
Nashville	50	30	16	3	1	140	127	64	16-7-2-1	14-9-1-0	9-1-0-0	W4
Chicago	50	29	15	3	3	162	144	64	19-6-1-3	10-9-2-0	5-3-2-0	L2
Los Angeles	50	24	16	4	6	111	111	58	14-11-0-4	10-5-4-2	5-2-1-2	W1
Minnesota	49	24	18	2	5	115	126	55	13-6-1-2	11-12-1-3	3-6-0-1	W2
Colorado	51	26	23	2	0	131	144	54	14-12-0-0	12-11-2-0	4-5-1-0	L2
Dallas	48	25	21	0	2	126	136	52	14-9-0-2	11-12-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Calgary	50	23	21	3	3	120	137	52	13-7-1-1	10-14-2-2	5-3-1-1	L1
Phoenix	50	22	20	3	5	130	134	52	10-9-2-2	12-11-1-3	3-4-1-2	W1
Anaheim	48	18	23	3	4	124	144	43	13-12-1-0	5-11-2-4	8-1-1-0	L1
Edmonton	48	18	26	1	3	120	139	40	12-8-1-2	6-18-0-1	2-7-1-0	W1
Columbus	49	13	30	1	5	115	163	32	8-13-1-2	5-17-0-3	3-6-0-1	L4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

<b>Last night's results</b> Toronto 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT) N.Y. Rangers 3 Winnipeg 0 Phoenix 3 Ottawa 2 San Jose 1 Calgary 0 Buffalo 2 New Jersey 1 (SO) Dallas 1 Anaheim 0 Minnesota 3 Colorado 2 Nashville 3 Chicago 1 Philadelphia 3 Florida 2 (SO) Pittsburgh 3 St. Louis 2 (SO) Tampa Bay 4 Columbus 2 Washington 5 Boston 3	Edmonton at Vancouver <b>Monday's results</b> Edmonton 2 San Jose 1 (SO) Toronto 3 N.Y. Islanders 0 Carolina 2 Winnipeg 1 Detroit 3 St. Louis 1 Nashville 4 Columbus 1 Ottawa at Los Angeles <b>Tonight's game</b> <b>All Times Eastern</b> Detroit at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. <b>NHL ALL-STAR BREAK</b> <b>Jan. 26-30 at Ottawa</b>
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## LEAFS 4, ISLANDERS 3 (OT)

**First Period**  
1. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 20 (Okposo, Reese) 1:54  
**Penalty** — Martin NYI (interference) 2:16.  
**Second Period**  
2. N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 5 (Martin) 9:17 (sh)  
3. Toronto, MacArthur 13 (Grabovski, Kulemin) 18:55  
**Penalties** — Kessel Tor (roughing), Hamonic NYI (roughing, holding) 8:54.  
**Third Period**  
4. Toronto, Gardiner 1 (Grabovski, MacArthur) 1:47  
5. Toronto, Grabovski 16 (Kulemin, Gardiner) 16:29  
6. N.Y. Islanders, Parenteau 10, 19:47  
**Penalties** — None.  
**Overtime**  
7. Toronto, MacArthur 14 (Grabovski) 2:06  
**Penalties** — None.  
**Shots on goal by**  
Toronto 4 10 5 2—21  
N.Y. Islanders 8 10 12 2—32  
**Goal** — Toronto: Gustavsson (W,16-10-0); N.Y. Islanders: Montoya (L,6-5-4). **Power plays (goals-**

**chances)** — Toronto: 0-2; N.Y. Islanders: 0-0.  
**Referees** — Mike Hasenfratz, Brian Pochmar.  
**Linesmen** — Brian Murphy, Darren Gibbs.  
**Att.** — 10,888 (16,234) at Unidionale, N.Y.

## RANGERS 3, JETS 0

**First Period**  
1. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 17 (Stralman, Boyle) 4:05  
**Penalties** — Thornburn Wpg, Rupp NYR (fighting) 6:14.  
**Second Period**  
2. N.Y. Rangers, Mitchell 5 (Del Zotto, Stepan) 13:22  
**Penalties** — Slater Wpg (interference) 0:36, Thornburn Wpg, Rupp NYR (fighting) 5:33, Fehr Wpg (holding) 10:53, Girardi NYR (boarding) 16:43.  
**Third Period**  
3. N.Y. Rangers, Richards 16 (Callahan) 16:22  
**Penalties** — Fehr Wpg (high-sticking) 3:49, Wheeler Wpg (high-sticking) 6:29, Gaborik NYR (interference) 17:05.  
**Shots**  
Winnipeg 6 6 10 22  
N.Y. Rangers 11 8 12 31

**Goal** — Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,16-17-6); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,22-10-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Winnipeg: 0-2; N.Y. Rangers: 0-4.  
**Referees** — Eric Furlatt, Rob Martell. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Anthony Sericolo.  
**Att.** — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

## COYOTES 3, SENATORS 2

**First Period**  
1. Phoenix, Brule 3 (Boedker, Yandle) 18:53  
**Penalty** — Phoenix bench (too many men; served by Torres) 6:59.  
**Second Period**  
2. Phoenix, Doan 15 (Korpikoski, Ekman-Larsen) 16:08  
3. Ottawa, Alfredsson 17 (Foligno, Phillips) 17:39  
**Penalties** — Z.Smith Ott, Chipchura Pho (fighting) 0:04, Gonchar Ott (high-sticking) 1:00, Konopka Ott (interference) 11:58, Hanzal Pho (tripping) 12:21, Doan Pho (interference) 18:33.  
**Third Period**  
4. Phoenix, Vrbata 23 (Whitney, Rozsival) 1:30  
5. Ottawa, Neil 9 (Condra, Z.Smith) 1:44  
**Penalties** — Foligno Ott (goaltender interference) 11:26, Neil Ott, Ekman-Larsson Pho (roughing), Klesla Pho (high-sticking) 20:00.  
**Shots**  
Ottawa 9 13 12 34  
Phoenix 9 10 7 26

**Goal** — Ottawa: Anderson (L,25-16-4); Phoenix: M.Smith (W,18-13-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-3; Phoenix: 0-3.  
**Referees** — Dan O'Halloran, Tim Peel. **Linesmen** — Thor Nelson, Shane Heyer.  
**Att.** — 8,061 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

## SHARKS 1, FLAMES 0

**First Period**  
No Scoring.  
**Penalty** — Jokinen Cal (hooking) 19:46.  
**Second Period**  
No Scoring.  
**Penalty** — Vandermeer SJ (interference) 10:47.  
**Third Period**  
1. San Jose, Ferriero 6 (Couture, Boyle) 11:35  
**Penalties** — Mitchell SJ (interference), Jones Cal (unsportsmanlike conduct-diving) 17:10, Calgary bench (too many men; served by Kostopoulos) 19:42.  
**Shots**  
San Jose 5 11 11 27  
Calgary 8 3 14 25  
**Goal** — San Jose: Niemi (W,21-10-5); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,22-16-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 0-2; Calgary: 0-1.  
**Referees** — Paul Devorski, Stephane Auger.  
**Linesmen** — Brad Lazarowich, Mark Wheeler.  
**Attendance** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

## SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	26	32	58
Giroux, Pha	18	37	55
Datsyuk, Det	14	39	53
Stankos, TB	32	20	52
Ma.Hossa, Chi	20	32	52
Lupul, Tor	20	32	52
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	41	52
Kessel, Tor	26	25	51
Toews, Chi	27	23	50
D.Sedin, Vcr	20	30	50
Spezza, Ott	20	30	50
Tavares, NYI	19	29	48
Pominville, Buf	17	30	47
Karlsson, Ott	7	40	47
Neal, Pgh	26	20	46
Eberle, Edm	18	27	45
Elias, NJ	17	28	45
Sellanne, Ana	15	30	45

**Not including last night's games**

## TENNIS

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

**At Melbourne, Australia**  
**MEN**  
**Singles**  
**Quarter-finals**  
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-3.  
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Juan Martin del Potro (11), Argentina, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.  
**Doubles**  
**Quarter-finals**  
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (6), Poland, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4.  
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (7), Romania, def. Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram (13), U.S., 6-4, 6-4.  
**WOMEN**  
**Singles**  
**Quarter-finals**  
Kim Clijsters (11), Belgium, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 6-3, 7-6 (4).  
Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland, 6-7 (0), 6-0, 6-2.  
**Doubles**  
**Quarter-finals**  
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina (6), Russia, def. Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond (2), U.S., 5-7, 7-6 (6).  
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (7), Czech Republic, def. Vania King, U.S., and Yaroslava Shvedova (3), Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-2.  
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (11), Italy, def. Alla Kudryavtseva and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.  
Svetlana Kuznetsova and Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu and Monica Niculescu, Romania, 7-5, 6-3.

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
**Second Round**  
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., and Horia Tecau (8), Romania, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, and Andy Ram, Israel, 6-4, 7-6 (2).  
Roberta Vinci and Daniele Bracciali, Italy, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm and Kei Nishikori, Japan, 6-3, 7-6 (6).  
**JUNIORS**  
**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
Filip Peliwo, Vancouver, def. Jack Schipanski, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.  
**Doubles**  
**Second Round**  
Pedja Krstin, Serbia, and Filip Peliwo (7), Vancouver, def. Borna Coric, Croatia, and Pietro Licciardi, Italy, 2-6, 6-2, 10-6 (tiebreak).  
**GIRLS**  
**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
Eugenie Bouchard (2), Westmount, Que., def. Iva Mekovec, Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.  
Iva Mekovec, Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

**EARLY TODAY**  
**MEN**  
**Doubles** — **Quarter-finals**  
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Christopher Kas, Germany, 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2.  
**JUNIORS**  
**BOYS**  
**Singles** — **Third Round**  
Filip Peliwo, Vancouver, def. Marek Routa, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	16	3	.842	—
d-Atlanta	13	5	.722	2½
d-Philadelphia	12	5	.706	3
Orlando	12	5	.706	3
Miami	12	5	.706	3
Indiana	11	5	.688	3½
Boston	7	9	.438	7½
New York	7	10	.412	8
Milwaukee	6	10	.375	8½
Cleveland	6	10	.375	8½
New Jersey	5	13	.278	10½
Toronto	5	13	.278	10½
Detroit	4	14	.222	11½
Charlotte	3	15	.167	12½
Washington	2	15	.118	13

**Last night's results**  
New York 111 Charlotte 78  
Orlando 102 Indiana 83  
Miami 92 Cleveland 85  
Toronto 99 Phoenix 96  
Memphis at Portland  
**Monday's results**  
Philadelphia 103 Washington 83  
Boston 87 Orlando 56  
Chicago 110 New Jersey 95  
Oklahoma City 99 Detroit 79  
San Antonio 104 New Orleans 102  
Houston 107 Minnesota 92  
Atlanta 97 Milwaukee 82  
Dallas 93 Phoenix 87  
Portland 101 Sacramento 89  
Memphis 91 Golden State 90

## BASKETBALL

## AP MEN'S TOP 25

**All Times Eastern**  
**Last night's results**  
No. 1 Kentucky 57 Georgia 44  
No. 6 Baylor 77 Oklahoma 65  
No. 13 San Diego State 52 Wyoming 42  
No. 17 Marquette 67 South Florida 47  
No. 20 Michigan 66 Purdue 64  
**Monday's results**  
No. 3 Syracuse 60 Cincinnati 53  
No. 5 Kansas 64 Texas A&M 54  
**Tonight's games**  
No. 2 Missouri at Oklahoma State, 7:30 p.m.  
No. 4 Ohio State vs. Penn State, 6:30 p.m.  
No. 8 Duke at Maryland, 9 p.m.  
No. 10 Michigan State vs. Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.  
No. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas at Boise State, 10 p.m.  
No. 15 Creighton at Drake, 8:05 p.m.  
No. 18 Mississippi State vs. LSU, 8 p.m.  
No. 22 Kansas State at Texas Tech, 9 p.m.  
No. 23 Florida State at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's games**  
No. 7 North Carolina vs. NC State, 7 p.m.  
No. 14 Florida at Mississippi, 7 p.m.  
No. 16 Indiana at No. 25 Wisconsin, 9 p.m.  
No. 19 Virginia vs. Boston College, 9 p.m.  
No. 21 Saint Mary's (Cal) at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m.  
**Saturday's games**  
No. 1 Kentucky at Louisiana State, 4 p.m.  
No. 2 Missouri vs. Texas Tech, 1:30 p.m.  
No. 3 Syracuse vs. West Virginia, 1 p.m.  
No. 5 Kansas at Iowa State, 2 p.m.  
No. 6 Baylor vs. Texas, 1 p.m.  
No. 8 Duke vs. St. John's, Noon  
No. 9 Georgetown at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.  
No. 11 Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois, 8 p.m.  
No. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas at Air Force, 9 p.m.  
No. 13 San Diego State at Colorado State, 4 p.m.  
No. 14 Florida vs. No. 18 Mississippi State, 1:30 p.m.  
No. 15 Creighton vs. Bradley, 8:05 p.m.  
No. 17 Marquette at Villanova, Noon  
No. 19 Virginia at NC State, 8 p.m.  
No. 21 Saint Mary's (Cal) at Brigham Young, 9 p.m.  
No. 22 Kansas State vs. Oklahoma, 7 p.m.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	14	3	.824	—
Denver	12	5	.706	2
Utah	10	5	.667	3
d-L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	3½
d-Memphis	10	6	.625	3½
San Antonio	11	7	.611	3½
Dallas	11	7	.611	3½
Houston	10	7	.588	4
Portland	10	7	.588	4
L.A. Lakers	10	8	.556	4½
Minnesota	7	10	.412	7
Phoenix	6	11	.353	8
Sacramento	6	12	.333	8½
Golden State	5	11	.313	8½
New Orleans	3	14	.176	11

**Tonight's games**  
**All Times Eastern**  
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Boston 87 Orlando 56  
Chicago 110 New Jersey 95  
Oklahoma City 99 Detroit 79  
San Antonio 104 New Orleans 102  
Houston 107 Minnesota 92  
Atlanta 97 Milwaukee 82  
Dallas 93 Phoenix 87  
Portland 101 Sacramento 89  
Memphis 91 Golden State 90  
**Tomorrow's games**  
Boston at Orlando, 8 p.m.  
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

## NFL PLAYOFFS

## PRO BOWL

**Sunday, Jan. 29**  
**At Honolulu**  
**All Times Eastern**  
NFC vs. AFC, 7 p.m.  
**SUPER BOWL**  
**Sunday, Feb. 5**  
**At Indianapolis**  
New England vs. N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.

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**All Times Eastern**  
**EAST DIVISION**  
Buffalo 2 2 01.000 26 19 —  
Rochester 2 1 1.500 31 24 1  
Philadelphia 2 1 1.500 22 31 1  
Toronto 2 0 2.000 19 26 2  
**WEST DIVISION**  
Colorado 3 3 01.000 46 38 —  
Calgary 3 2 1.667 37 32 1  
Minnesota 1 0 1.000 14 20 2  
Edmonton 1 0 1.000 12 13 2  
Washington 2 0 2.000 19 23 2½  
**WEEK FOUR**  
**Friday's games**  
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday's games**  
Buffalo at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Rochester at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Edmonton at Washington, 10:30 p.m.

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The Skyactiv's six-speed automatic is the real fuel miser here with a consumption rating of 7.1 l/100 km city and 4.9 highway.

That's a major improvement over the 8.7/6.0 rating of the five-speed-automatic/base-2.0 combo.

## Peppier ride

A few hundred kilometres of seat time confirms that the nature of the Mazda3 has changed for the better.

Although hardly a rocket ship (check out the 263-horsepower Mazdaspeed3 if that's your pleasure), the new model drives in a much sportier manner and certainly feels peppier.

## Engine

Compared to the standard Mazda3, there's a revised — as in more aerodynamic — nose and tail. There's also a new Skyactiv 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that's brimming with high-tech tricks.

It produces 155 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. The base non-Skyactiv 2.0-litre engine makes 148 horsepower and 135 pound-feet of torque and is only available in base of the sedan. The optional 167-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder also carries over in both sedan and hatch.



► The Mazda3 is broken into two camps for 2012: standard carryover tech from 2011; and the upgraded platform with the new powertrain available in sedan and hatchback. Skyactiv is not an engine or an option package, but rather a whole different car.

## Forget hybrids: Mazda's not giving up on gas



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It's common for automakers to give labels to their more fuel-efficient offerings, whether that efficiency is real or perceived. It's marketing and sales at its finest.

There's Ford's EcoBoost line of engines as well as Chevrolet's Ecotec and eAssist. And of course there's Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive electric/gas system.

Mazda, however, has taken the name game one step further by branding a whole car with its new "Skyactiv" magic wand.

The rationale behind this approach is straightforward. Mazda thinks traditional gasoline and diesel engines will remain the

most popular form of automotive propulsion for the next few years. It therefore makes sense to continue refining those powerplants to be more efficient rather than spending millions of dollars on alternative-fuel vehicles, which make up a tiny slice of the pie.

Fair enough, but the reality is that other manufacturers are also refining internal combustion while still finding the resources to explore hybrids and electrics. Just look at the Chevrolet Volt. But what you won't read elsewhere is that Skyactiv is really a wholesale approach to a better driving experience with a reengineered chassis, transmissions and steering.

Fuel economy is just one aspect.



► Plans call for new tech that shuts off the engine when the Mazda3 is stopped and instantly starts it up again when the brake pedal is released.

### Mazda3 Skyactiv



**What you should know about the 2012 Mazda3 Skyactiv:**

- **Types:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (155).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** You won't hear about any Mazda gas-electric hybrid models anytime soon as the automaker specializes in sporty, fuel-efficient vehicles under its Skyactiv banner. But does that really make the strategy unique?
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.1/4.9 (AT).

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### By comparison

#### Ford Focus

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# G8 a solid performer that packed punch

## SECOND GEAR



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For performance buffs, the Pontiac G8 was only slightly less attractive than owning a four-door Firebird.

Simple premise with this machine. Shoppers could bring about \$36,495 to their Pontiac dealers and leave with a brand new sedan stuffed with a V-8 engine that spun the rear wheels.

The 160,000-kilometre powertrain warranty and airbags made it an easy sell to that significant other, too.

2008 to 2009 Pontiac G8



### Engine

Standard G8's got a 3.6-litre V-6 with 256 horsepower. The G8 GT got a six-litre, 361 horsepower V-8. Automatic transmissions were standard on all models.



### What owners like

A high-performance driving experience, aggressive styling and pleasing handling were mentioned by most G8 owners.

Spaciousness, muscular performance and even fuel economy were also highly rated.



### What owners dislike

Complaints centre around cheap interior trim pieces, some fussy controls and difficult-to-recline front seats.



### Common issues

Listen for popping, clunking, grinding or snapping sounds from the front end while travelling over bumps at various speeds and angles. Any unwelcome sounds likely mean a suspension component is worn out or in need of replacement.

A well-documented problem with premature lower control arm wear resulted in a service bulletin — so a GM dealer should be able to address the problem in quick order.

### Verdict

The G8 looks like a solid, robust and reliable performer. Remaining factory warranty should provide used G8 shoppers plenty of confidence, too.

Shoppers after a muscle sedan shouldn't expect any serious issues on a well-maintained used G8.

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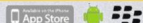
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► Jim Lentz, president of Toyota's U.S. sales division, is pictured onstage with the Prius-c at the recent auto show in Detroit.

## PRIUS-C LOOKS TO EXPAND HYBRID LOVE

### AUTO PILOT



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**"I think by the middle of this decade, it will become a mainstream technology."**

JIM LENTZ OF TOYOTA,  
DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF  
HYBRID VEHICLES

Hybrid sales are steadily increasing. But it's been a tough slog, like the road under them has been curiously strewn with chicken fat, or some other equally slippery substance.

Hybrids still seem only to attract those "early adopters" of technology. Mainstream buyers still stay away in droves.

Will mainstream buyers ever make the shift?

I put that question to Jim Lentz, president of Toyota's U.S. sales division, just after he had the honours of unveiling the automaker's newest hybrid — Prius-c — at the recent auto show in Detroit.

Lentz felt some mainstream buyers have already made the shift, by virtue of their acceptance of the hybrid versions of Camry and Highlander. He admitted, however, that mainstream hybrid buyers have yet to show up "in abundance."

"But I think by the mid-

dle of this decade, it will become a mainstream technology," said Lentz.

Earlier, he had outlined how the company plans to grow its hybrid business: by getting more hybrids into the hands of early adopters of every stripe, and letting this increasingly larger group prove the righteousness of the technology (not his words exactly).

Then, these early adopters become advocates of the hybrid cause and help it reach broader appeal.

Well that's one way of looking at it. The other is that mainstream buyers have had lots of chances to take long, hard looks at hybrid technology and said "no thanks."

Lentz acknowledges that mainstream buyers are partially focused on fuel prices. If they go up, they should turn to hybrids. If

they don't, they might not.

For that reason, he wouldn't hazard a guess as to what percentage of Toyota sales might be hybrids and/or other alternative technology in the next few years.

"The price of fuel is such an extreme driver of that," noted Lentz.

"Once hybrids are accepted throughout the mainstream, beyond the fluctuation of price, it will be easier to gauge that percentage."

But the hybrid plot certainly thickened with the introduction of this new Prius-c (the "c" is for city).

The newest member of the Prius family looks like a great, little hatch, even before you consider its billing as the most fuel-efficient vehicle you can buy without a plug. Toyota Canada says its combined city/highway rating is 3.7 L/100 km (53 mpg).

Also expect a starting MSRP below \$21,000. Its desired audience is young, urban buyers previously priced out of the hybrid market. Lentz called it a "gateway" vehicle for hybrid technology.

"It's a key component to the overall Prius strategy, by adding substantial incremental sales, and more importantly getting advocates to the Prius family and to the broad acceptance of hybrids."



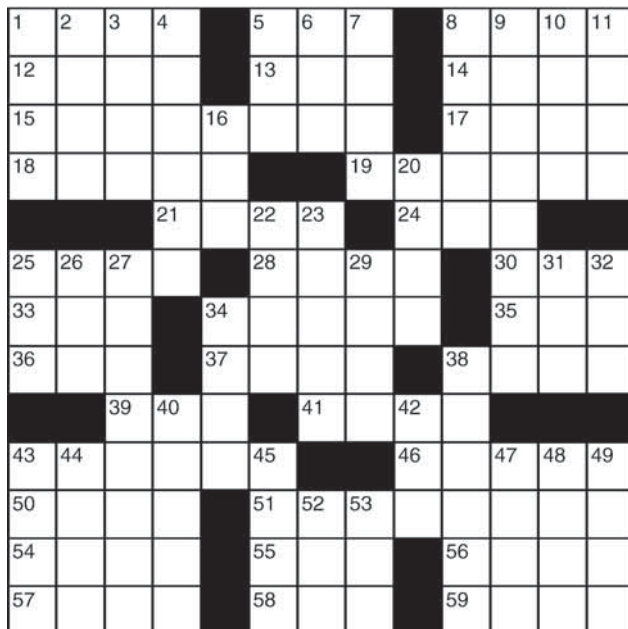
## Crossword

### Across

- 1 Protected  
5 Transgression  
8 Agile  
12 Yoked team  
13 Japanese pond carp  
14 Hint  
15 Making a vow  
17 Luau dance  
18 Excited  
19 Carpentry tool  
21 Campus mil. org.  
24 Tennis stroke  
25 Easy gait  
28 Landlord's due  
30 A Gershwin brother  
33 Piercing tool  
34 YouTube upload  
35 Sister  
36 1980s-90s Chevy subdivision  
37 Top  
38 Old  
39 Bronze  
41 Slow-cooker recipe  
43 Photo finishes  
46 Shortwave or CB  
50 Eye part  
51 Recent fad requiring one to lie stiff  
54 Baseball team  
55 Have a bug  
56 Satanic  
57 Lady —  
58 Ball prop  
59 Archibald of NBA lore

### Down

- 1 Former frosh  
2 Wheelbase terminus  
3 Yard trio  
4 Last  
5 Tackle moguls  
6 Charged bit  
7 In the offing  
8 Jerk  
9 Pipes and such  
10 Legislate  
11 Calendar quota  
16 Mailing HQ  
20 Choir member  
22 Stumble  
23 Relinquishes  
25 Trail behind  
26 Have bills  
27 Cabal's work

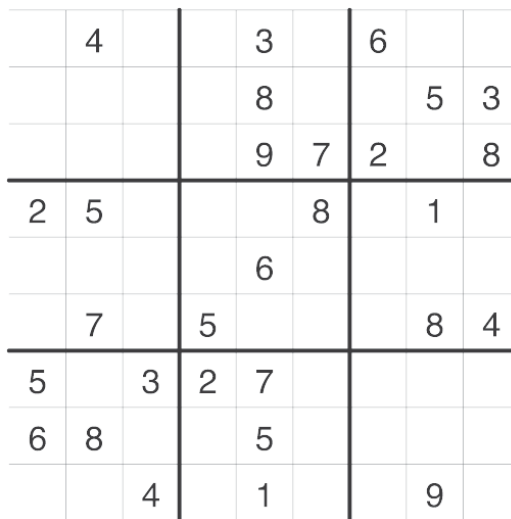


- 29 Adjoining  
31 Regret  
32 Moreover  
34 Barn roof adornment  
38 Stir  
40 Bewildered  
42 Coastal eagle  
43 Chinese dynasty  
44 Met melody  
45 Quarrel  
47 44-Down singer  
48 First ltr.  
49 Look longingly  
52 Big fib  
53 Hearty brew

### ► Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Yesterday's answer ►



## A look at the weather



### Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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## Today's horoscope

### ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You seem to be worrying about something that is not worth the hassle. It's best if you let it go.

### ♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

The message of the stars is clear: Don't be hasty. You will get your chance to shine early next month.

### ♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You'll have to deal with someone's negative emotions today, without becoming negative yourself.

### ♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Do you ignore a problem and hope that it will go away? Yes. This is one of those occasions when what looks like a problem really isn't.

### ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Be careful what you say today because if you are not, someone could take it the wrong way.

### ♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Look on the bright side today, even if the news you receive is dark. According to the planets, you have little to worry about.

### ♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

This is potentially one of the most exciting times of the year, so why are you so fearful that something bad is going to happen?

### ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Try not to dwell on news, especially if it involves people you care for.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

### ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

The signals you are getting from colleagues are jumbled. It might be wise follow your instincts.

### ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may be logical by nature but right now you are imagining weird and wonderful things. That's OK.

### ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Although you feel confident and full of life, this is probably not a good day to take chances.

### ♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

The Sun in Aquarius at this time of year makes you more suspicious than usual but maybe that's no bad thing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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